There is a proposal for providing a cart road to connect Alleppey with the M. C. road at Pallam. The idea is that the road may be taken along the northern bund of the first stage of the reclamation. It will be about 10½ miles long and will cost about Rs. 30 lakhs. The question will receive due consideration at the hands of Government.

As for town planning for Alleppey there is an idea to get down a town-planning expert to prepare a scheme for the town of Trivandrum, and possibly when he is got down a scheme for Alleppey may also be taken up.

In regard to water supply to Alleppey town I shall refer you to my reply to Mr. K. T. Raphael's representation.

97. Needs of Changanachery.

MR. POTHAN PHILIPOSE (*Member, Mercantile and Trading classes, Changanachery*) said that the route proposed for the new Alleppey-Changanachery canal was defective in many respects. The idea of Government was apparently to take the canal round the Kavalam river to Karithodu and to Vazhapally and from there to follow the course of the existing canal to Changanachery. But this was a very circuitous route. It would be by far better to open a canal from the Changanachery market landing straight to the west, across the big block of paddy fields to the west of Changanachery and east of the Veliyanad river, in the direction of the Primary School, Veliyanad North, and from there to the canal to the south of Mangalamkayal at Kunnummel. This route would be only 10 miles in length. Simultaneouly with the opening of the canal, a road could also be formed along its banks with the earth dug out and with that the long-expected land route between Alleppey and Changanachery would be established. Another point which had also to be mentioned was the width of the canal. The portions of it that were already opened were not more than 40 feet wide. The width should be increased at least to 60 feet so as to admit of the free passage of motor boats and steam boats through the canal.

A canal should be opened through the Kusakkudi Punja fields in Changanachery. A private land-owner had already opened a canal through the fields. This should be acquired by Government and made wider.

A new Traveller's Bungalow should be built at Changanachery, preferably in the Kottapuram side.

A lady doctor should be appointed in the Changanachery hospital. This will have the two-fold effect of relieving the pressure of work of the present men doctors and also of affording proper medical aid to the women patients coming to the hospital. The appointment of a lady doctor was particularly necessary in the interests of Nambudiri, Kshatriya and Mahommedan women, of whom there were not a few in the town.

A branch of the State-aided Bank should be established at Changanachery. This would enable the officers of the bank to come into direct contact with the merchants of the locality and would open the way to the latter getting help from the bank.

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A public recreation ground should be opened at Changanachery. The latest statement of Government on this subject was that the site of the present Travellers' Bungalow would be made available for the purpose as soon as a new Travellers' Bungalow or Camp-shed was constructed. The new Travellers' Bungalow should be built as soon as possible and the site of the present bungalow should be handed over to the Municipality free of cost for opening the recreation ground.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Pothan Philipose, as regards the progress of the canal from Alleppey to Changanachery, I have to refer you to my reply to a previous representation on the subject by another member. You now suggest certain alterations in the alignment of the canal. Your representation will be sent to the Chief Engineer for remarks.

As regards the opening of a direct road between Alleppey and Changanachery, as I mentioned already, it will be much too costly and therefore impracticable.

As for the canal through the Kusakudi Punja fields, the question was considered in the 24th session of the S. M. P. A. and the Dewan's reply was that it would cost enormously and that there was no need for the present for such a costly fourth canal to Changanachery which has already got three canals converging to it from three different directions.

As regards T. B., sanction has been accorded to the Chief Engineer for the construction of a new T. B. at a cost of Rs 6,000 or Rs. 7,000 and his estimate is awaited.

As for the appointment of a lady doctor in the Changanachery hospital, the Medical Board is of opinion that a lady doctor is very desirable for the hospital and the question will be taken up along with the question of the re-organisation of the Women's Medical Service.

As regards the opening of a branch of the State-aided Bank at Changanachery, it is a matter in which the Directors of the Bank have to move and when they do so, the Government will take necessary action.

For the provision of a public recreation ground it was suggested that the site of the present T. B. might be used. The authorities considered that the site was not suitable for the purpose. But now the president of the Municipality has written again to Government that a good recreation ground could be got there. The matter will receive the attention of Government.

98. Needs of the Padmanabhapuram Municipality.

MR. N. MANICKOM PILLAI (*Member, Municipal Council, Padmanabhapuram*) spoke on the following needs of the Padmanabhapuram Municipality:—

The outlet from the P. P. channel to the fort northern ward of the Padmanabhapuram municipality should be extended so as to reach the fort southern ward.

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